

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF  
CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF  
AMERICA et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COLE et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:22-cv-05082-JHC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Stipulated Protective Order, which the Court construes as a stipulated motion for a protective order. Dkt. # 34. The Court has considered the motion and, for the reasons discussed below, DENIES it without prejudice.

"There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." LCR 5(g). The Court may issue a protective order "for good cause" under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

The Court may enter a proposed stipulated protective order as an order of the court if it adequately and specifically describes the justification for such an order, it is consistent with court rules, it does not purport to confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, its protection from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle the parties to file confidential information under seal.

1 LCR 26(c)(2) (emphasis added). The Court’s Model Stipulated Protective Order says, “The  
2 parties must include a list of specific documents such as ‘company’s customer list’ or ‘plaintiff’s  
3 medical records;’ do not list broad categories of documents such as ‘sensitive business  
4 material.’” W.D. Wash. Model Stipulated Protective Order, [https://www.wawd.uscourts.  
5 gov/sites/wawd/files/ModelStipulatedProtectiveOrder.pdf](https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/sites/wawd/files/ModelStipulatedProtectiveOrder.pdf).

6 The Stipulated Protective Order defines “confidential” material as “financial information  
7 pertaining to each party unless the information is already public”; “any individual’s social  
8 security number, date of birth, home address, or personal phone number, including cell phone  
9 number”; “any party’s bank account information”; “the name, date of birth or age, residence and  
10 school of any minor children of either defendant”; “confidential business information that  
11 contains trade secrets”; and “the name and location of either defendant’s current employer.”  
12 Dkt. # 34. While most of the listed items are specific categories of documents, “financial  
13 information pertaining to each party” is broad and does not comply with Local Civil  
14 Rule 26(c)(2). And the parties do not justify the category with argument. The Court DENIES  
15 the Motion without prejudice. Dkt. # 34. The parties may file a revised Stipulated Protective  
16 Order. The Clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and  
17 to any party appearing pro se at said party’s last known address.

18 Dated this 16th day of June, 2022.

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21 United States District Judge  
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